



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/215,732
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First Named Inventor	Karlheinz Dorn et al
Group Art Unit	2194
Examiner Name	Charles E. Anya
Attorney Docket Number	P98,3059-01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply Amendment "D" Accompanying RCE and Petition for Extension of Time
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) – PTO/SB/08a
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 501519.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) **\$790.00** – Payment being submitted electronically
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) **\$1020.00 (3 Months)** – Payment being submitted electronically
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of **\$790.00, \$1020.00** being electronically paid.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO 2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature [Signature] Date June 8, 2007

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